

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on January 24, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dan Weinberg, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Lynda Moss, Vice Chairman (D)  
Sen. John Cobb (R)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)  
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)  
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only.  
They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 155, 1/12/2007; SB 186,  
1/12/2007  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

**HEARING ON SB 155**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:54 **SEN. CAROL WILLIAMS (D), SD 46**, opened the hearing on SB 155, Older American's trust law.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:49 Ann Whiting Sorel, Governor's office

00:08:21 Joan Miles, Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:13:37 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana

**EXHIBIT (phs16a01)**

**EXHIBIT (phs16a02)**

00:17:37 Cheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties

00:18:15 Susan Kohler, Montana Area Director of Council on Aging

**EXHIBIT (phs16a03)**

00:20:47 Vernon Clinch, Helena

**EXHIBIT (phs16a04)**

00:22:56 Betty Beverly, Montana Senior Citizen's Association

**EXHIBIT (phs16a05)**

00:24:20 Beverly Barnhart, Governor's Council on Aging

00:24:49 Bea Ann Melichar, Yellowstone County Council on Aging

**EXHIBIT (phs16a06)**

**EXHIBIT (phs16a07)**

00:26:44 Rep. Cindy Hiner

0:27:03 Laurie Bringle, Area 1 Council on Aging

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:29:05 Mike Barrett, Helena

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:32:12 Sen. John Cobb

00:34:46 Sen. Terry Murphy

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:35:01 Sen. Carol Williams closed on the bill.

**HEARING ON SB 186**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:39:49 **SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42**, opened the hearing on **SB 186**, School district access to health insurance loss information.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:43:34 Bob Robinson, MSSF

**EXHIBIT (phs16a08)**

00:48:41 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana

00:50:01 Shawn Bubb, MSSA

00:50:40 Kathy Bramer, representing Superintendent Linda McCulloch

00:51:46 Tom Bilideau, MEA-MFT

00:52:57 Linda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business Officials

00:55:01 Wayne Stanford, teacher, Lone Rock School

00:56:07 Todd Lovshin, Allegiance Family of Companies

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:57:03 Tanya Ask, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

01:03:01 Frank Cote, America's Health Insurance Plans

01:05:36 Richard Miltenberger, Mountain West Benefits Solutions

01:09:25 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:11:08 Sen. Linda Moss to Sen. Dave Lewis

01:13:20 Sen. John Esp to Sen. Dave Lewis

01:16:34 Sen. John Esp to Tanya Ask

01:18:24 Sen. Jerry O'Neil to Sen. Dave Lewis

01:19:30 Sen. Jerry O'Neil to Tanya Ask

01:20:21 Sen. Dan Weinberg to Cathy Bremer

01:22:13 Sen. Dan Weinberg to Bob Robinson

01:25:13 Sen. Dan Weinberg to Sen. Dave Lewis

01:26:21 Sen. Dan Weinberg to Tanya Ask

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:28:02 Sen. Dave Lewis closed on the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:37 P.M.

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SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([phs16aad.pdf](#))**